

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

November 2, 2012 10:00 am

Arapahoe Public Library

302 Nebraska Ave Arapahoe, NE 68922

PRESENT: Vicki Perrie, Jody Crocker, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski, Beth Falla, Sky Seery, Tim Johnson, Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Jane Hilton, Steve Batty (NLC Commissioner), Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)

ABSENT: Barbara Whitehead, Mo Khamouna

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Ahrens Arapahoe Library Director

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Vicki Perrie called the meeting to order at 10:13.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (9.7.12) Dana Wade moved to accept minutes as written, Jane Hilton seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: 33% through the year. Prof. Development is pretty well used due to ARSL and NLA. Right on track w/spending.

CORRESPONDENCE: Lots of thank you notes! Keri Anderson, Terri Johnson, Lisa Fortkamp, Beth Falla, Sharon Axthelm, Mo Khamouna – for scholarships and Elizabeth Karre for CCC Foundations class. Director at Columbus, Jill sent thanks for an in-service day.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Busy lady! Axtell director, Janice Soderquist has retired, Dori Ropers is new director. Beaver City, Betty Oliver left as director. Met w/Systems Directors about employment law w/lawyer. Filmed the session for future presentations. Stapleton and Fairfield have new automation systems, Denise is helping with that.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARSL Conference: Association of Rural and Small Libraries, BEST CONFERENCE! Held in Raleigh, NC. This month's newsletter shares some ideas. More to come! 2013 conference is in Council Bluffs in September. ALA Conference in Chicago, trying to get a grant for a bus trip {*road trip, y'all!*} Lots of Midwest conferences next year. Midwest represent!

NLA/NSLA/MPLA Tri-Conference: 13 scholarships from RVLS. 30 people came to the Take a Break w/RVLS. Sky won the backpack...and she *loves* it! Participated in a Dine Around, 3 cars drove folks to an Italian restaurant.

2012 Audit/Financial Reports: Net Worth looks startling, but when you look at the big picture its okay. Nothing removed from the CD, since the car. Talk of saving what we haven't used for future. Cushion money.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Service for RVLS: Workshop on Displays – an idea from an ARSL presentation. Denise is going to email library display ideas for the month and it will be ongoing...*awesomesauce*! December was sent out on Nov. 1st. January ideas will be sent out on December 1st.

Upcoming Workshops: Some fall on the line of Meridian, but that's cool. They will split mileage, teamwork.

- Youth Services Day, Nov. 8

- Veterans Day, Nov. 12 – RVLS CLOSED
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 22-23 – RVLS CLOSED
- Valley Visit – Advocacy Basics with Francine Canfield in Gibbon, Nov. 30
- Christmas, Dec. 24-25 – RVLS CLOSED
- Keeping up with Technology at UNK, January 4th (Lots of great classes!)
- RVLS Board Meeting, Jan. 11 **(Date change!)**
- Advocacy Day, Jan.30

Summer Reading Workshop: Jody Crocker is going to do the craft session again. {Yay!} March 8th possibly at Holdrege.

Annual Meeting Location: Let's hear it for east side! Ideas?

NLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: NCES Academic Library Survey is arriving. Public Library Survey for FY opening Nov. 13. Celebration of Nebraska Books is Nov. 3rd. NEH Grants due Jan. 9, 2013. Natasha Trethewey named Poet Laureate. Trustee Academy available through 2012. Basic Skills are online, Customer Service will be offered again in February. Talking Book and Braille Library is now all digital. New members of TBBS Advisory Committee. Please make sure your TBBS application form is up to date.

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: NCompass Live good way to keep up. Free! High School students putting together ebooks about NE History, for 4th graders, creating content as we speak.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 and we enjoyed lunch at Cunningham's Feed thanks to Denise and RVLS. Special thanks to Cheryl Ahrens of APL for the morning coffee and rolls!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 11th {take note, that's the 2nd Friday!} via teleconference.